

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display device for variably displaying symbols;

~~a transparent liquid crystal display panel disposed in front of the variable display device through which said variable display device is able to be seen;~~

~~a liquid crystal holder for holding the periphery of a display unit of the liquid crystal display panel on a rear side thereof;~~

~~a panel frame for holding the periphery of the display unit of said liquid crystal display panel on a front side thereof;~~

~~a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the rear side of said liquid crystal display panel;~~

~~a diffusion sheet for diffusing the light guided by the light guiding plate to equalize the light which illuminates said liquid crystal display panel;~~

~~a base frame attached in front of the machine for supporting said liquid crystal holder, said panel frame, said light guiding plate and said diffusion sheet such that the front of the display unit of said liquid crystal display panel has an opening;~~

~~a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame for closing said opening;~~
and

~~a rear holder for holding, said liquid crystal holder, said panel frame, said light guiding plate and said diffusion sheet supported by said base frame on said base frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on said light guiding plate to the side of said liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more windows allowing the symbols variably displayed in said variable display device to be observed; and~~

a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,

wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is able to be seen;

a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel;

a panel frame into which the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate are fitted, held and integrated such that the front of a display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening, for holding the periphery of the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel on a front side thereof;

a base frame attached in front of the gaming machine for supporting the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate integrated by the panel frame such that the front of the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening;

a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame for covering the opening;

a machine front panel provided in front of the gaming machine arranged with the transparent plate;

a rear holder for holding, the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate integrated by the panel frame and supported by the base frame on the base frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said symbols are drawn.

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

7. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the transparent plate is disposed in contact with the base frame.

8. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the front display device further comprises a liquid crystal holder disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate, for holding the periphery of the liquid crystal display panel.

9. (New) A gaming machine comprising:
variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is able to be seen;
a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel;
a rear holder which is disposed between the variable display device and the light guiding plate, for reflecting the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed;
an antistatic sheet covering the opening of the rear holder.

10. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the antistatic sheet is adhered to the rear holder with the double-sided tapes.

11. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which the symbols are drawn.

12. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.